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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES (MEA) FLEET PLANNING

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1. A REVIEW OF TENTATIVELY PROJECTED SHORTENED-FUSELAGE LOCKHEED-CALIFORNIA L-1011-400A TRISTAR CONFIGURATION, PAYLOAD/RANGE, AND DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS INDICATES THIS AIRCRAFT, ALONG WITH BOEING 7X7, MEETS MEA MANAGING DIRECTOR NASR'S CRITERIA FOR INTERMEDIATE-SIZED AIRCRAFT.

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2. RCAA UNDERSTANDS L-1011-400A DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS AS FOLLOWS: SEATING 200 PASSENGERS (18 FIRST CLASS PLUS 200 ECONOMY), 2700-3000 NAUTICAL MILE RANGE, ACTIVE CONTROLS, THREE (DERATED) RB-211-22B ENGINES.

3. RCAA NOTES, HOWEVER, NASR SPECIFICALLY CITED
7X7 AS AIRCRAFT HE IS POINTING TOWARDS, PROBABLY IN VIEW
PRESENT SATISFACTION WITH MEA'S ALL-BOEING FLEET '720B/
707/747). DISTURBINGLY, HOWEVER, RCAA'S LAST VISIT WITH
NASR NOVEMBER 28 REVEALED GROWING MEA IMPATIENCE WITH
DELAY BY BOEING IN ANNOUNCING FIRM GO-AHEAD ON 7X7
(TO ASSURE 1981-1982 DELIVERIES) AND INCREASING PRESSURES
FROM SOME MEA FLEET PLANNERS FAVORING AIRBUS INDUSTRIE
A-300B4'S.

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